

# DISTRICT BRIEFING

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## **SUPERIOR COURT**

### **Dignitaries' Wills Are Placed on Display**

Copies of the wills of District dignitaries are scheduled to go on display today at the D.C. Superior Court's Building A on the third floor of the Probate Division at 515 Fifth St. NW.

Thirteen wills, many of them handwritten, are scheduled for display. Among them are wills from inventor Alexander Graham Bell, former presidents Grover Cleveland, James Monroe, Woodrow Wilson and James Madison and Madison's wife, Dolley. There is a will by abolitionist Frederick Douglass, who left \$20,000 in cash and bonds and 15 acres in Anacostia to his wife, Helen. Also displayed is the will of Euphemia Lofton Haynes, the nation's first black woman to earn a doctorate in mathematics.

**— Keith L. Alexander**